Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

98. Is it a fact that, regarding the complaint in the attendance of students, etc., in the Mar Augustine Night and Day School, Kokkalai, some surprise inspection was conducted very recently last year ? If so, who was the officer deputed for the inspection ? Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the report submitted to the Director by the officer concerned? What action has been taken by the Director in the matter?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

No complaint about the attendance of the pupils, etc., in the Mar Augustine Night and Day School has been received. In the usual course of his business, the Senior Inspector of Schools, under whose jurisdiction the two schools are, visited the Night School on 21st July 1925. Copies of the Senior Inspector's report and the School Manager's explanation are placed on the table (*vide Appendix V*). The Manager was warned and asked to be more vigilant in his supervision, and the Senior Inspector was requested to keep an eye on the school and report again. He has not been able to visit the school again till now. If the working of the school is not found to be satisfactory at the next inspection, necessary action will be taken.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Was any action taken after the irregularity was found out?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

Has the Hon'ble Member understood what the action was? The whole correspondence is placed on the table. Has the Hon'ble Member perused the correspondence and found out what the action was? Please see *Appendix V*.

Cost of living in the College Hostels at Ernakulam.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

99. Will the Government be pleased to state why the cost of living in the College Hostel at Ernakulam is higher than that of any other College on the West Coast, and whether they will inquire into the matter with a view to reducing the cost ?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

A tabular statement showing the boarding charges for the last 5 years is appended (*vide Appendix VI*). The charges represent not only the cost of 3 meals a day but also other items, such as lighting charges, cleaning charges, scavenging, etc. The boarding

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charges of other hostels are being collected for purposes of comparsion; but considering the quality of the meals supplied, the rates do not seem abnormal.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN

100. (a) Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council whether the only well in the Cranganur High School premises is reserved for the use of caste-Hindus, and whether it has been made untouchable by the non-caste pupils of the institution under the orders of the Director of Public Instruction?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to inform their reasons for this invidious distinction, in an educational institution?

(c) Will the Government be further pleased to inform whether the construction of another well out of public funds for non-caste pupils is under consideration, and if so, whether that would not be encouraging the undesirable separatistic feelings amongst the youths of the country?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

(a) The well was sunk at a time when there were no non-caste pupils in the school. Social and religious conditions do not permit its use by all alike. The Director has introduced no innovation.

(b) Vide answer to (a).

(c) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative; to the second part of the question "not in the present order of things".

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

Answer (a), second line:—"social and religious conditions do not permit its use by all alike." Are the social and religious restrictions, with regard to the wells, observed in other institutions?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

They depend upon the social conditions of those institutions.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

May I know what these social conditions are, which would necessitate the use of wells for all people?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

In certain places the conservative people would not like their children to drink from common wells, owing to social and religious sentiments. The Government, in fact, cannot put an end to these.

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Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

Was there any arrangement for the supply of water to the other communities?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

There was absolutely no complaint. When the complaint came, action was taken.

President.—Because the caste boys used to draw water and give the same to the other boys.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

So non-caste boys had to depend upon the caste boys.

President.—The question of constructing a common well cannot be considered in the present state of things.

The Government High School Hostel at Kunnamkulam.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

101. Will the Government be pleased to inform

(a) the maximum number of boys for whom there is accommodation in the Government High School Hostel, Kunnamkulam;

(b) the average number of boys who were yearly in the Hostel in the last 5 years;

(c) the total cost of the Hostel building;

(d) the total yearly expenses, including the Warden's pay or allowance, incurred by the Government in running the Hostel during the above period;

(e) whether the Hostel is only for caste-Hindus; and if so,

(f) whether arrangements will soon be made to throw open the Hostel to non-Hindus?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

(a) There is accommodation for 54 boarders.

(b)

Year	*Strength.*
1096	30
1097	41
1098	37
1099	30
1100	21

(c) The estimated cost was Rs. 12,000.

(d)

Year.	*Rs.*	*as.*	*ps.*
1096	312	1	11
1097	296	7	6
1098	211	15	0

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APPENDIX VI.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 99).

Statement showing the 'Boarding charges' for a boarder for one month (from the year 1096 to Kanni 1101).

Serial No.	Months	1096			1097			1098			1099			1100			1101			Remarks
		No. of days	No. of boarders	Boarding charges per head	No. of days	No. of boarders	Boarding charges per head	No. of days	No. of boarders	Boarding charges per head	No. of days	No. of boarders	Roarding charges per head	No. of days	No. of boarders	Boarding charges per head	No. of days	No. of boarders	Roarding charges per head	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.			Rs A. P.			Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.	
1	Chingam ..	20	64	8 12 8	24	70	9 6 4	16	72	6 14 5	12	72	5 6 9	16	72	6 8 4	16	92	7 9 0	
2	Kanni ..	31	66	12 4 0	21	69	8 6 3	30	72	11 4 0	31	72	10 13 9	31	72	10 5 10	30	94	11 13 7	
3	Thulam ..	30	65	13 0 0	30	69	11 5 7	30	71	11 8 0	29	72	11 5 0	30	72	11 7 9	..	..	..	
4	Vrischigam ..	29	65	11 14 8	29	69	10 4 2	30	70	11 0 0	30	71	10 8 6	29	73	10 13 4	...	...	..	
5	Dhanu ..	14	63	6 4 0	7	69	4 6 9	10	70	5 0 0	6	71	4 0 0	12	73	5 4 7	.	...	..	
6	Makaram ..	29	60	10 6 2	26	69	9 0 6	30	62	11 12 0	30	69	11 2 0	29	71	10 15 9	..	...	..	
7	Kumbham ...	30	61	10 6 2	30	69	9 15 4	29	62	11 10 6	30	69	10 15 3	30	67	13 2 6	...	..	...	
8	Meenam ...	11	61	5 1 9	19	69	8 3 5	15	62	7 9 3	8	69	4 8 8	7	67	4 12 6	...	...	..	
9	Edavam and Mithunam...	32	72	10 2 0	34	72	12 5 4	36	72	11 13 0	35	77	11 9 5	32	91	11 12 7	..	...	..	
10	Karkadagam...	32	70	10 15 11	32	72	12 0	31	72	10 5 6	31	72	11 9 6	32	92	11 12 0	..	..	...	